(b) if so, that details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be done and what steps have been taken in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up Metro Channels of T.V. and FM Channels of Radio

148. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to clear the principal aspects of setting up the Metro Channels of T.V. and FM Channels of the Radio, namely, the time to be made available and the structure of the Licence fee to be charged from outside producers; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The licence fee fixed by the Government in terms of the provisions of the Scheme of allotment of time slots on the Metro Channels of Doordarshan and FM Channels of AIR at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta is indicated in the attaced statement (*See* below). The time available for this Scheme on the above mentioned Channels would be communicated to the Air Time Committee of India shortly.

Statement

Metro Channels of Doordarshan

(i) The licence fee for the 1/2 hr. slots—prime time and non-prime time of Doordarshan are as follows :

	Independent Transmission	Networked Transmission
1. Licence fee for half-an-hour slot during prime time on Doordarshan	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs. 3,20,000/-
2. Licence fee for half-an-hour slot during non-prime time on Doordarshan	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 1,20,000/-

(ii) The classification of prime time/non-prime time slots on second channel (Metro channels) of Doordarshan would be as follows :—

Days of week	Prime Time	Non-Prime Time
1. Monday thro' Friday . . .	1900 hrs. to 2300 hrs.	1300 hrs. to 1900 hrs.
2. Saturday	1700 hrs. to 2300 hrs.	1300 hrs. to 1700 hrs.
3. Sunday	1300 hrs. to 2300 hrs.	NIL

FM channels of AIR at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta Independent Transmission

Licence fee for half-an-hour slot on FM Channel of AIR.	Rs. 3,000/-